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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 0412

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: CI, PINT, PINS

SUBJ: GOC RELEASES SOCIALIST LEADER ANICETO RODRIGUEZ

BEGIN UNCLAS

1. GOC ANNOUNCED JAN 22 "UNCONDITIONAL" RELEASE OF ANICETO RODRIGUEZ ARENAS, FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) AND SENATOR, WHO HAS BEEN IMPRISONED ON DAWSON ISLAND WITH OTHER MAJOR UP FIGURES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT NOTED SIMILAR RELEASE IN DECEMBER OF CARLOS BRIONES, LONG-TIME MODERATE PS FIGURE AND ALLENDE'S LAST MINISTER OF INTERIOR, WHO HAD BEEN HELD IN SANTIAGO UNDER HOUSE ARREST; RAUL AMPUERO, FORMER SENATOR AND SEC GEN OF THE UNION SOCIALISTA POPULAR, A SMALL LEFTIST BUT NON-UNIDAD POPULAR PARTY; AND PASCUAL BARRAZA, A COMMUNIST WHO WAS A MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS IN EARLY ALLENDE PERIOD. A FOURTH DETAINEE REPORTED RELEASED IN DECEMBER, HERNAN MUNTA CONTRERAS, ALMOST UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY, HEADED A LEFTIST BUT PRO-ARMED FORCES ORGANIZATION CALLED PATRIA Y PUEBLO IN 1969. APPARENTLY MUNTA CONSIDERED SUBVERSIVE BY ARMED FORCES AFTER SEPTEMBER COUP. END UNCLASS

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. RODRIGUEZ IS MOST IMPORTANT UP FIGURE RELEASED BY GOC SINCE SEPT. HE WAS SEC GEN PS UNTIL ALTAMIRANO HARD-LINE ELEMENT TOOK OVER IN 1971. KNOWN TO OPPOSE ALLENDE AS WELL AS ALTAMIRANO, HE NEVERTHELESS DID NOT LEAVE  
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PARTY AND CONTINUED TO SUPPORT UP FROM POSITION AS SENATOR.  
THIS RELEASE OF MODERATE PS LEADER AND EARLIER RELEASE OF OTHER

DETAINEES KNOWN GENERALLY AS MODERATES NOT CLOSELY INVOLVED IN UP  
POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IS NOT RPT NOT BASIS FOR PREDICTION THAT GOC  
WILL SOON RELEASE OTHERS, BUT GOC MUST COUNT ON LIKELIHOOD NEWS  
WILL HELP IMPROVE TARNISHED INTERNATIONAL IMAGE AND DO SOMETHING  
TO RECONCILE MODERATE UP ELEMENTS. END CONFIDENTIAL.  
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